



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Thursday, 26 November 2009 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

J Scotland (Chairman), D Fletcher, M Fletcher, I North, R Patel and P Rose.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk), Kevin Pryde (New Lengthsman), K Lamb (County Councillor) and the Burton Mail.

Apologies:

Apologies were received from D Bartram and S Edmonds.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

173/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

I North declared an interest with regard to minute 182/09 Grant Applications.

174/09 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 October 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record.

175/09 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported details of the following correspondence:

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| a) Zurich Municipal | Annual Insurance Renewal |
| b) ESBC | Installation of Bus Shelters on Hawfield Lane |
| c) ESBC | Parish Precept Requirement 2010/2011 |
| d) ESBC | Christmas Arrangements |
| e) ESBC | Minutes of Parish Councils' Forum held on 23 Sept. 2009 |
| f) RSPCA | Request for Donation |
| g) Audit Commission | Certified Annual Return for Year Ending 31 March 2009 |
| h) Talbot Solicitors | Vacant Almshouse at 33 Hawfield Lane |

176/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk reported on the following:

- Applications that have been decided under delegated powers;
- Applications for which time to respond has now passed;

- Applications to which we can respond.

There was a discussion regarding PA/28351/004 for the erection of 12 two bed houses and 4 two bed apartments with associated cycle stores, bin store, car parking and new vehicular access at the former Youth and Community Centre, Berry Hedge Lane. The Parish Council had previously raised objections although it was noted that the officers were recommending approval at the 14 December 2009 Planning Committee Meeting. The Vice-Chairman and Borough Councillor advised that he would be speaking against the application at the Committee.

177/09 **MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The chairman of the Strategic Partnership Board/Advisory Committee updated members on recent developments. A meeting had taken place with the Cleaner to review her working arrangements. A formal cleaning plan has now been completed and it was agreed that the Clerk would arrange for a new contract of employment to be drawn up.

178/09 **PARISH PLAN**

The Vice-Chairman of the Parish Plan Committee updated members on the progress of the Parish Plan. The main points were:

The need for future funding for notice boards, doggie bags and the village fair. Traffic issues raised with Richard Raison of the County Council.

Meetings had taken place with Winshill Village, Holy Rosary and Tower View schools.

The meetings with the schools council's and youth club were ongoing with some good ideas for a summer fair being put forward.

The introduction of a book exchange in the foyer of the Resource Centre.

Discussions with the Borough Council on the provision of a skate park and improving the changing rooms on Newton Road Rec. were still on-going.

179/09 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE**

The winter edition of the newsletter had now been printed and would be circulated with the Advertiser during the first week in December. Some "late" articles had not met the deadline and would be included in the next edition where appropriate.

The need for working to clear timetable with deadlines in the future was agreed to enable contributors to have sufficient notice to submit articles. The Clerk would draw this up.

The Clerk advised that his contact email address on the web site had been changed to winshillclerk@live.co.uk following problems with the previous email address.

180/09 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

The new lengthsman, Kevin Pryde was introduced to members. A service level agreement had been drawn up with Trent & Dove who would be employing and managing him on behalf of the Parish Council.

It was agreed that estimates should be obtained for extending the flower beds in 2010.

181/09 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members were advised of the financial position as at the end of November 2009.

The Audit Commission had completed the Audit for 2008/2009 and the only point that they had raised was whether the fidelity insurance cover of £50,000 should be raised. It was agreed that

this would not be necessary with the Council's balances being below this figure and the amount in reserves expected to fall.

182/09 **GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Requests for grants from Carr-Gomm for £400 towards Christmas festivities for the residents of Hepworth House and from Harvey Girls for £1000 towards a new cooker were considered.

Resolved:

- That a grant of £400 be made towards Christmas festivities at Hepworth House.
- That the Grants Committee consider the request for a grant from Harvey Girls and report back with a recommendation to the next meeting.

183/09 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	Cheque no
Lengthsman	Retirement Gift	100.00	386
OrbitHousing	Care & Repair Scheme	24.00	387
Class A Alarms	Annual Maintenance	69.00	388
ESBC	October Salaries	986.88	389
ESBC	Trade Refuse Collection	71.31	390

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

184/09 **PACT MEETING REPORT**

Reference was made to a meeting with County Highways to discuss the suggested one-way system in Alexandra Road and the problem, of broken glass on Winhill Rec.

185/09 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor updated members on local highways issues, mental health provision and work with the C&LP and other agencies within Winhill.

186/09 **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

There Borough Councillor advised members that as a result of the recession planning applications were down by around 50% and that the Borough Council and South Derbyshire DC were considering a joint depot.

187/09 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

It was reported that the unsafe footpath off Highbank Road raised by Mrs Thornhill at the last meeting was not the responsibility of the Waterloo PH and should be closed at their end.

188/09 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Parish Council to set the budget for 2010/11 be held on Thursday 17 December 2009 at 7.30 pm at The Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

The meeting finished at 21.00 hours.

Chairman